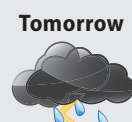


Road construction on Mid-Campus Drive causes a traffic jam in the parking garage Monday.

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## Paws on Poyntz

Karen Ingram  
news editor, opinion editor

Saturday marked the 10th annual Weenie Dog Races and first ever Paws on Poyntz event. The intersection of Poyntz Avenue and Third Street was packed with dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds. The dogs patiently guided their human companions around the booths, greeting one another with friendly sniffs. Somewhere, a bark sounded and was picked up by one or two others across the street for a moment, but otherwise all was calm. Willie the Wildcat strolled by, checking out the scene. He seemed completely unconcerned to be surrounded by dogs and the cuddly canines politely accepted his presence. Not one dog tried to chase the feisty feline mascot.

More than 30 businesses and organizations participated in Paws on Poyntz, a family-friendly event centered around man's best friend. Gina Scroggs, executive director of Downtown Manhattan, Inc., said the Weenie Dog Races have been very successful over the last ten years, but there was a need to find a way to expand the event to include more to do and take more time.

Scroggs said it took about seven months of planning to organize the booths, demonstrations, races and more available to dogs and families at the event. Their efforts paid off, as the turnout was "excellent" and hundreds of people from Kansas

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## 1 Johnny Kaw



Mary Renee Shirk  
managing editor

*Editor's Note: This is the first installment of the 8 Wonders of Manhattan running in the Collegian over the summer. A new wonder will be on each front page.*

A tall, silent, 45-year-old man stands in the corner of City Park holding a scythe. Johnny Kaw, the 30-foot statue constructed of concrete over steel beam framework, has watched over Manhattan since 1966.

Johnny Kaw was created to be Kansas' answer to other heroes like Paul Bunyan and Pecos Bill. In 1955, the Manhattan centennial committee had trouble getting people and the media interested in Kansas history so George Filing, a professor of horticulture at K-State, created the story of Johnny Kaw.

The centennial committee hoped the statue would establish Johnny Kaw as a local legend and become a tourist attraction. The statue was completed and dedicated in May 1966 and was designed to withstand the weather and be easy to maintain. It was erected at no cost to the city by a group of community volunteers.

Johnny Kaw is included in the online Gallery of Huge Beings, a guide to the world's largest roadside attractions. Kaw is the only entry from Kansas.

# RISING WATERS



Children play by an overturned trailer in Redbud Estates June 2. A back corner cul de sac in the trailer park was heavily affected by the flooding. Several homes were picked up and moved by the rapids, some were flipped and split, others had water-damaged property.

## Flooding nearly reaches 500-year storm levels

Rachel Spicer  
editor-in-chief

Nearly five inches of rain fell early morning on June 2 in the Wildcat Creek basin, causing emergency response units to begin blocking off flooding roads. Police officers and firefighters helped evacuate areas of South Manhattan, Garden Way Apartments, Redbud Estates, Highland Ridge Apartments, Village Plaza and Annenberg Park.

Riley County appraisers, who were split into five groups of two, documented the damage in affected areas by taking pictures. Aerial shots were also taken to compare affected areas once the water receded.

Damage assessments are based on the type of property and the degree of damage to a structure. The goal is to have the information compiled within 24 hours of any incident. All information gathered will be sent to city officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to determine if Manhattan residents are eligible for federal aid.

"This year is the worst (flooding in the Wildcat Creek corridor) I've ever seen," said Greg McHenry, Riley County appraiser. "That in-



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cludes the flood of 1993." Riley County Police Department Capt. Kurt Moldrup noted floodwater levels nearly reached that of the predicted 500-year flood. Waters rose so high that trailers floated off of their foundations and tipped over

in Redbud Estates.

Many spectators wandered around the flooded areas taking pictures and videos, some stood in awe of the water levels and others tried to take advantage of the rapid current. Local firefighters forced a man back

to shore who was kayaking through a flooded area near Fairman. The man launched from his backyard and only paddled half a block before the firefighters confronted him.

"Wildcat Creek started backing up so it had nowhere to go," McHenry said. "The water came up and moved quickly."

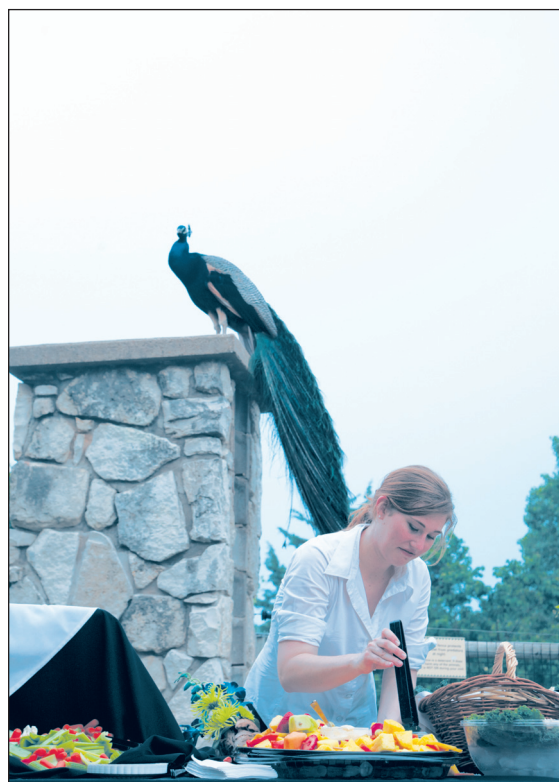
There have been four major floods in the Wildcat Creek area in the past five years. There is speculation that development west of Manhattan and changes in weather patterns have contributed to the recent flooding.

"The combination of these two things has made a recipe for disaster along Wildcat Creek corridor," McHenry said.

Shane Swope, Stormwater Engineer for the City of Manhattan, said that due to city ordinance, new developments are not allowed to increase the amount of current runoff. They are required to build detention basins to store runoff water. Manhattan is composed of multiple small stormwater systems, many of which dump right into Wildcat Creek. When the creek levels rise,

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## Wine in the Wild, Manhattan Day promote city growth



Lauren Gocken | Collegian

Peacocks roamed the zoo Saturday during Wine in the Wild, Sunset Zoo's annual fundraising event. Courtney Harken, Hy-Vee caterer, worked the hors d'oeuvre table.

Mary Renee Shirk  
managing editor

On a steamy Saturday evening, Sunset Zoo was filled with the sounds of croaking frogs, squawking flamingos and clinking wine glasses. The annual Wine in the Wild fundraiser became a celebration of the Manhattan community.

Against the backdrop of the foundation of the education center currently under construction, zoo director Scott Shoemaker thanked donors for their support. The fundraiser featured eco-friendly wines from Chile served at stations throughout the zoo and live music. Proceeds from Saturday's fundraising event will go toward the construction and furnishing of the new education center.

"This building would not be possible without your support and attendance at events like these," Shoemaker said. "The education center is a dream come true for us."

The educational building was identified as a need for the zoo in 1998. The majority of the funding for the 9,000 square feet of education space, which will include classrooms, a science lab and an indoor event facility, is provided by a city tax increase passed in April 2009.

Shoemaker said they have

planned the dedication of the building for Earth Day 2012.

Shoemaker told the audience of donors he is also excited about the coming addition of gibbons to the zoo. The highly endangered primate is native to Southeast Asia. The gibbons will be housed in the area formerly occupied by Brownie the grizzly bear and will incorporate historical elements of the bear's former enclosure and create an enriching environment for the apes. Shoemaker said he hopes the zoo can help save the gibbons from extinction.

Construction and community support was also the theme of a short presentation that evening by the director of the Flint Hills Discovery Center, Bob Workman. The Discovery Center is currently under construction on the southeast side of town near Manhattan Town Center and is scheduled to open to the public in April 2012.

Workman said Manhattan Day, an annual city-wide celebration of the anniversary of the city's settlement in June 1855, is about celebrating community and diversity.

"It is fitting that we spend Manhattan Day celebrating these two fantastic construction projects," Workman said. "Public funding of these projects shows our investment in and support of the com-

munity."

The tax increase funding the zoo's education center also funded improvements to the city's three public swimming pools.

Last summer, the City Park pool was completely replaced with a new bathhouse, water slides, zero-depth entry pool, wave rider surf attraction and other improvements.

Parks and Recreation Director Curt Loupe said the renovations to CiCo Pool are complete and the pool will open as soon as the water has been clarified. Loupe said the renovation of the Northview pool is running on schedule for the pool to open sometime in early July. Both pools now have new bathhouses, water slides and other new features.

In addition to the three public pools, Manhattan also has a splash park located in City Park which opened last year. Loupe said the splash park is now turned on at 11 a.m. daily, which Loupe said is a welcome change for childcare providers who can bring children to the splash park before lunch and nap times.

The zoo's next event is the Friends of Sunset Zoo Kids' Free Day on Saturday. Children 12 years and under can visit the zoo free of charge when accompanied by an adult.

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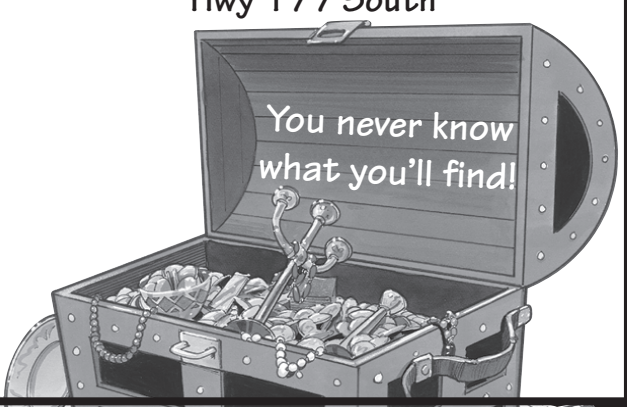
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Book takes readers to alternate world

"On a Pale Horse"



Book review by Karen Ingram

June is "National Bathroom Reading Month," and because I have a bit of a cruel streak, I thought it would be a dandy time to review some books that are hard to put down, thus ensuring the bathroom reader will be left with an uncomfortable red ring on their backside. Yes, I'm talking to you. First on the agenda: "On a Pale Horse" by Piers Anthony.

The first in Anthony's "Incarnations of Immortality" series, "Pale Horse" takes place on an alternate Earth where magic and science evolved together. I am a huge fan of alternate reality books, but one thing that struck me as rather odd was the lack of background history the author provides. Other than a few brief mentions of magic used in World War II and Helen of Troy being "the face that launched a thousand spells," Anthony really didn't take the time to put in a lot of backstory. I was a little disappointed at first, but as I read on, I decided that the there-and-now is enough to bring the reader up to speed on the way this strange yet familiar world works and it is quite fantastic: ghosts roaming the earth, flying carpets, Satan advertising on billboards encouraging people to go to hell and Death's pale horse, Mortis, who can also transform into a snazzy limousine.

The story follows Zane, a man who is down on his luck and not altogether likable, who decides to kill himself. Most souls in Anthony's world are either good or evil enough that, when they die, they rise or sink to the appropriate realm. Zane's soul, however, is one of the rare ones that is neither good nor evil, but pretty balanced, so Death comes to personally see to Zane's demise and decide on whether he is bound for heaven or hell. Death walks into the room a little too soon and startles poor Zane, who turns the gun from his head to his intruder. Death dies of lead poisoning and Zane soon learns that he must take over the role of the Grim Reaper. Oops. Thus begins a whirlwind adventure of conspiracies, good versus evil, the fight for love and the ultimate showdown between supernatural powers. Oh yeah, it has everything.

In addition to being entertaining, "Pale Horse" also touches upon many moral and philosophical issues about death, mortality and the human soul. For example, is it more merciful to kill someone who is dying slowly of an incurable and painful disease, or should they live out every minute of it? Is a child born of sin, such as rape or incest, burdened by it in his or her soul? There are sad things in this book as well as truly beautiful things and I

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HACK COMEBACK  
PlayStation offers users free games after outage

Jacob Lubeck  
staff writer

Sony released its "Welcome Back" package for PlayStation users nearly two months after the PlayStation Network, as well as several Sony websites, were hacked. Around 100 million users' personal information was potentially stolen. While some Sony websites are still being attacked by various hacker groups, the PlayStation Network and PlayStation Store are back up and running for all users. PlayStation users can play games online again and all of the downloadable content from the store should be available.

To compensate for the weeks that gamers were unable to play games

online and use other Sony services, Sony made the "Welcome Back" package available on the PlayStation Network on June 3.

Sony also released this statement to its users: "Thanks again for your patience and understanding as we restored the PlayStation Network and Qriocity services — your support has meant a lot to us and is greatly appreciated."

The "Welcome Back" package is available for any user that had an online PlayStation 3 account before April 20. It consists of free games and other content as an apology for causing millions of users to lose Sony services for weeks and having to worry about the possibility of identity theft.



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FREE GAMES

The first part of the package is games available for free download. Users will be able to choose two of the five games for the PlayStation 3 and two of four games for the PlayStation Portable. The five games for the PlayStation 3 include "Dead Nation," "inFAMOUS," "LittleBigPlanet," "Super Stardust HD" and "Wipeout HD + Fury." Most are full games, but Super Stardust HD is a PlayStation Store mini-game. It is an arcade style of game very similar to the old school games of "Space Invaders" and "Galaga." The games available to choose from the PlayStation Portable are "LittleBigPlanet," "ModNation

Racers," "Pursuit Force" and "Killzone: Liberation."



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DOWNLOAD

Sony has also created a guideline to help users figure out how to download these games for free. First, go to the PlayStation Store and select "Welcome Back." Next, users should select "Game 1" and then the user will be able to choose one of the games. After selecting the first game the user must return to "Welcome Back" and select "Game 2." Once it is selected the user will be able to choose the second and final game to download for free.

DOWNLOAD PROBLEMS

However, many users have encountered problems trying to download the free games due to high traffic. The problem is that users select "Game 1" or "Game 2" but then receive an error message. When the user tries to go back and download it again, the options for "Game 1" and "Game 2" are no longer in "Welcome Back." This does not mean the games are no longer available, but that the games will have to be downloaded a different way. First, go to the XMB (XrossMediaBar) and select "Account Management." Then select "Transaction Management" and after that "Services List." Finally, the user can select "SCEA Promotions" and download the games.

FREE CONTENT

PlayStation Home will also have free content for users. There will be 100 virtual items for each user and additional content will be provided at a later date. There will also

be free movie rentals for users during the week-end of July 2-4, but only three movies will be available and all three were older movies such as "Bad Boys."



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PLAYSTATION PLUS

Another part of the "Welcome Back" package is a 30-day free trial of PlayStation Plus. This is a subscription service that includes games, huge discounts and other features such as online storage and automatic discounts. In order to get this, the user must go to the PlayStation Store, choose "Welcome Back," and then choose "PlayStation Plus: 30

Days Free." This subscription will automatically terminate after 30 days, so users will not have to worry about contacting Sony to terminate it themselves. Also, an additional 60 days will be given to users who already have a subscription to PlayStation Plus. This is automatically added to subscribers' accounts, so there will be no need to select this at the PlayStation Store.


ADDITIONAL NOTES

Finally, users that are subscribed to Music Unlimited Premium will receive an additional 30 days of free service.

Even though many users are getting errors when trying to download the games, the package will stay available through July 3. By that time, the traffic should lower back to a normal rate and downloads should become much smoother. Also, the 30-day free trials start the day of the download and not July 3, the last day the "Welcome Back" package is available.

For more details go to [blog.us.playstation.com](http://blog.us.playstation.com). There is a post that details all of the "Welcome Back" package information, and it is also one way to keep updated on anything new that Sony puts out.

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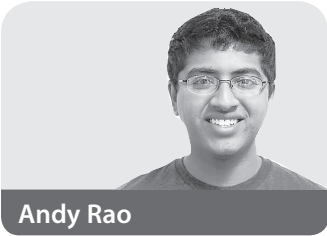
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# WHAT ALES YOU

## Drinking age of 21 should be lowered while enforcing driving laws



Alcohol laws have long been subject to controversy in the United States. From the days of prohibition to the ever-changing legal action behind the consumption of alcohol, the drinking age has been the topic of hundreds, if not thousands, of debates around the country.

When the minimum legal drinking age, or MLDA, was raised from 18 to 21, it was met with mixed reactions. The catalyst of the change was the Uniform Drinking Age Act, which was enacted in 1984 in an effort to reduce traffic and motor vehicle accidents and significantly cut transportation funding to states that did not raise the MLDA to 21. States were economically pressured into raising the drinking age, which is still 21 today. Proponents of the change claim that it significantly reduces alcohol-related deaths, especially those related to driving under the influence, and for quite a while it was assumed that this legal change would save many lives.

But is that true? An April 2009 study by *Forbes* magazine showed the change in the MLDA from 18 to 21 has "little or no life-saving effect" on traffic fatalities for 18- to 20-year-olds. It has even gone as far as to declare "the National-21 experiment has failed."

Another study conducted in 2002 by Israel Colón, assistant professor at Temple University in Philadelphia, showed a "positive relationship between the purchase age and single-vehicle fatalities," in all 50 states and D.C. In many cases the increase in the MLDA has increased fatalities.

These findings shake the very grounds on which MLDA 21 was set. If the policy does not decrease alcohol related deaths,

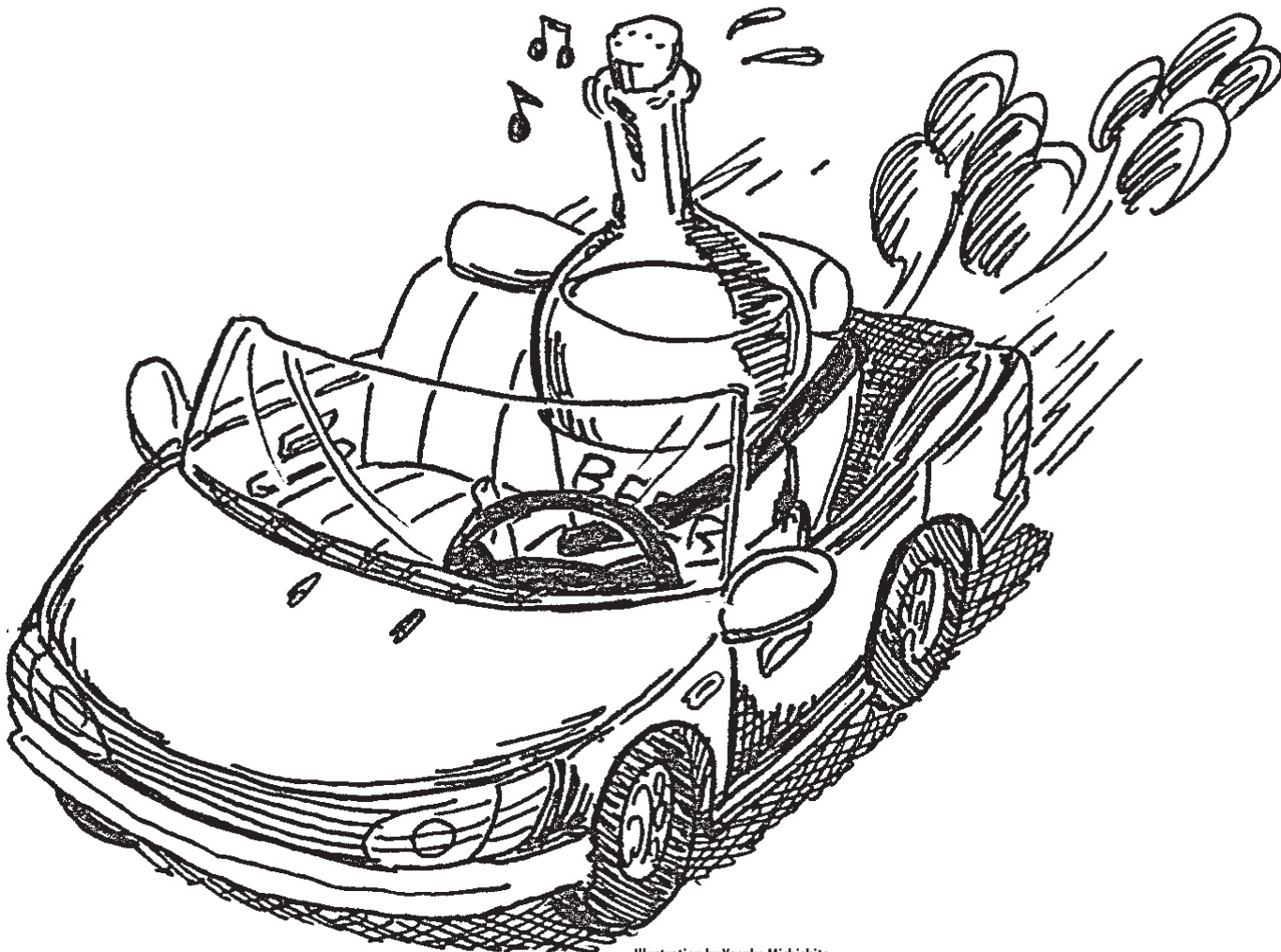


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then a better alternative should be found. I believe the solution to decreasing the rate of alcohol-related traffic and motor vehicle fatalities is not raising the drinking age, but rather raising the driving age.

Take a look at Europe, for example. Though the drinking age in most European countries varies between 14 and 18, the social protocol for alcohol use among teens is more relaxed, which actually creates a safer environment.

Where Europe is cracking down, however, is driving under the influence. Rather than

putting attention on alcohol consumption, the vast majority of countries in Europe are strictly enforcing laws concerning drinking and driving, according to a Dec. 30, 2004, article by Keith B. Richburg in the *Washington Post*. Most European countries have a legal driving age of 18.

The problem is that the drinking age in the United States is not based on facts, but on the notion that youth cannot handle the responsibility that comes along with consuming alcohol. This assumption is neither fair nor is it supported by statistics

or studies and blatantly violates the rights of youth who are otherwise considered adults in every other aspect of life.

When an 18-year-old can be tried as an adult in a court of law, enlist the military and bear complete legal responsibility for him or herself, withholding the right to consume alcohol sets a double standard. If an 18-year-old is arrested for a crime, he or she is given the same penalty as someone over the age of 21, yet laws continue to consider an 18-year-old a minor when it comes to drinking. However, if he or she is a minor, then how

can he or she be legally responsible? I question whether minors should be subject to the same penalties as someone who is considered of age.

The solution to decreasing alcohol-related fatalities is not to raise the drinking age, but instead enforce responsible behavior. It is a person's right to choose whether or not to consume alcohol, as long as the decision does not put others in harm's way.

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# State health care legislation discriminates against rape victims



Abortion remains a controversial issue with little in the way of an acceptable compromise from opposing sides. Regardless of how one may feel about the issue, women's rights are involved. Men never have to worry about getting pregnant and can never really understand the emotional, psychological and physical issues involved. Granted, I myself am against abortion, but I respect the current laws in place and realize that abortion cannot ever be fully banned. I also realize there are completely relevant medical reasons for having an abortion.

Obviously there are still those out there who would place their own religious beliefs above the needs of a woman. There are those who still have an archaic view of women and sexual reproduction. Bill 2075, which the governor signed on May 25 according to [kslegislature.org](http://kslegislature.org), concerns insurance and health care decisions. According to the bill, elective

abortions, or abortions not necessary to preserve the life of the mother, cannot be covered by health insurance. Specifically, health insurance exchanges established in Kansas or by the federal government cannot cover any abortions, not even with an insurance rider. For other health insurances that don't fall into those categories, elective abortions still cannot be covered without first purchasing a rider for them. An insurance rider provides extra coverage beyond the standard insurance policy.

The state government is telling private companies what they can and cannot cover. The same far-reaching arm that the federal government has been using to force its agenda on the private sector is now being wielded by the state government by the same people that were scolding the federal government for their actions. Other states are doing the same. Nebraska's governor just signed a very similar bill into law on May 18, according to [nebraskalegislature.gov](http://nebraskalegislature.gov).

According to a May 13 Associated Press article in the *McPherson Sentinel*, Rep. Barbara Bollie, R-District 25 objected to the measure saying it forced rape and incest victims to plan ahead of actions that were out of their control.

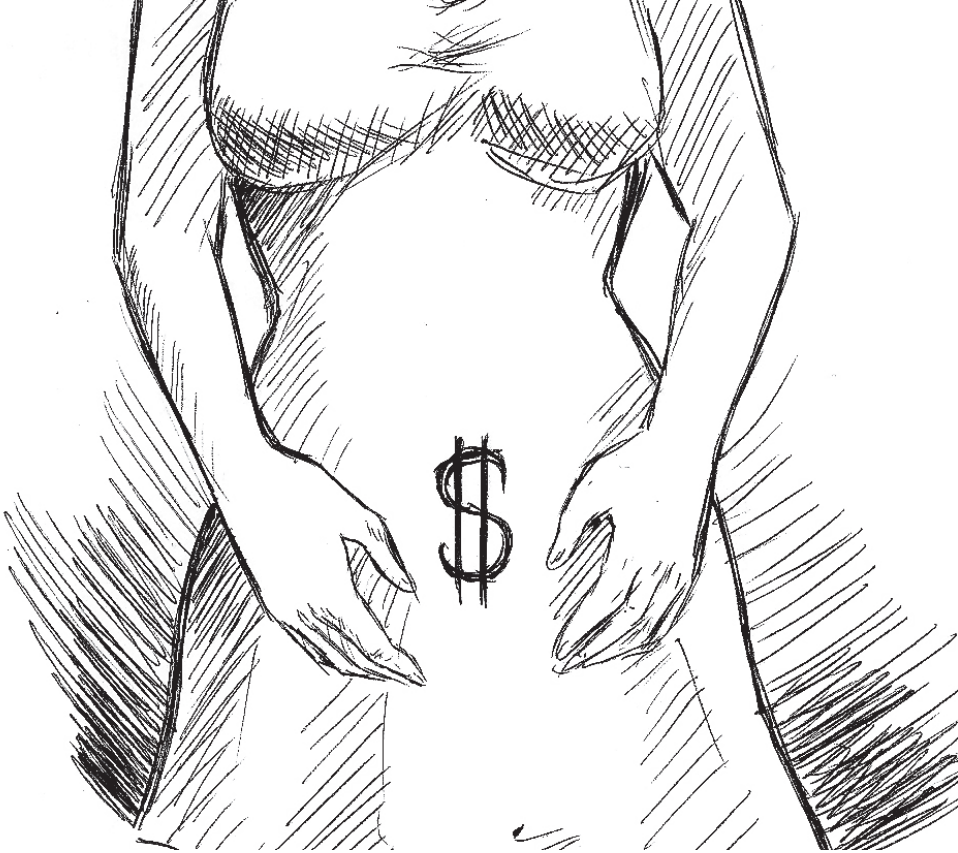


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Rep. Peter DeGraaf, R-District 81, from Mulvane, Kan., compared buying insurance for abortion to being prepared for a flat tire, saying he has a spare tire for his car and he plans ahead

for the future. The attitude demonstrated by DeGraaf is a reprehensible one.

Basically, the state is trying to limit abortions without banning them. State legislatures know that without

insurance, women will be limited. A woman shouldn't have to choose between putting food on the table and paying for an abortion. It's discriminatory on the basis of sex, especially since elective

lifestyle prescriptions for men like *Viagra* and *Cialis* are covered by most insurance programs, including Medicare. Most women can see the value in preventative measures like birth control and utilize those measures, but sometimes there are instances where becoming pregnant is completely out of the individual's control, like rape. That is something not so easily preventable, unlike eating well and exercising to avoid health problems or getting screened for congenital diseases.

This bill discriminates against women by sending them a message that they should prepare to be raped, that they should just expect that men will attack or take advantage of them and that our own precautions aren't enough. If that is not enough to upset you, then maybe knowing that the government is completely overstepping its bounds will. Maybe if every woman who can't afford an abortion because of this goes on welfare because of their unplanned children, the state will change its mind once they realize they will have to pay for their poor taste in legislation.

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What do you think about all of the construction going on around town?

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Mary Shirk  
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"The construction is helping to improve campus and the community. The summer is a good time to do it because there are fewer people here to complain."

Rachel Urban  
managing copy editor

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Karen Ingram  
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"It's inconvenient for those of us who are on campus, but now is obviously the best time to do it since so many students are gone for the summer."

Lauren Gocken  
photo editor







# PAWS | Dogs travel to compete in competition

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and out of state attended to enjoy the festivities and watch or participate in the Weenie Dog Races.

"Weenies are very animated," Scroggs said. "And weenie people are very passionate people."

There were demonstrations and shows available to teach human companions about health, care and training of their dogs, such as dog, or dog yoga, but the Weenie Dog Races were the highlight of the day. Dozens participated in the races while people and dogs alike crowded around the track to cheer and take photos and videos. Defending champion Mocha, resident of Salina, won first place.

Gwen Hunt, one of Mocha's human friends and also a resident of Salina, said the 3-year-old Mocha loves to run with her husband, Chris. In a quieter place with no distractions, Mocha has been known to run 50 yards in under six seconds. Mocha participates in five to six races per year, on average.

"Manhattan does a better job than any other place we go to," Chris Hunt said.

One of Mocha's closest competitors is Riggs, a 7-year-old with gray beginning to show on his muzzle, but with plenty of spunk left. Riggs scored third place at the Weenie Dog Races, but beat Mocha for first place in Abilene a few weeks ago.

"We have a lot of fun," said Riggs' human friend, Cathy Hansen, resident of Abilene. "Even if you don't place, it's worth the laugh."

After the races, dogs and people alike filtered back into the Paws on Poyntz festival to check out the sights. Booths from businesses near and far were set up to offer free water for dogs, treats and opportunities to learn about dog companionship. One of the most prominent booths was the Riley County Humane Society's, where children could get balloon dummies and check out several canine friends looking for new homes.

Lynne Davy, vice president of RCHS, said Paws on Poyntz was a wonderful opportunity for the commu-



After one of the first heats of the day, Debbie Pate, Overland Park resident, kisses her dog Lacie on June 4.

nity to learn about adoption, fostering and training. Davy said training is very important because well-trained dogs last longer in homes and are happier, while dogs with uncorrected behavioral problems are more likely to be surrendered to shelters,

**"Weenies are very animated, and weenie people are very passionate people."**

**Gina Scroggs**  
Executive Director  
of Downtown  
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where they run the risk of being euthanized due to lack of space.

Unlike shelters, RCHS does not have a physical location and relies instead upon a network of volunteers to help foster and train dogs until a home can be found for them, Davy said. Davy said they have had a "big response"

from the Manhattan community with lots of support, and the more foster homes RCHS has, the more lives can be saved from euthanasia.

"There's a lot of heart out there," Davy said.

Other organizations in attendance who aim to help four-legged friends included Four Paws Rescue of Kansas, Pottawatomie County Caring Hearts Humane Society, Purrfect Paws, Inc. and Nebraska Dachshund Rescue, among others.

Nebraska Dachshund Rescue is based in Omaha and Lincoln, but the non-profit organization is expanding into Kansas because of the huge need to help weenie dogs in this state, said Carla Chapman, adoption and intake director of Nebraska Dachshund Rescue. The organization does not have a physical location and relies on a network of volunteers, similar to the RCHS. Since 2008, they have rescued more than 550 dogs, but the need for more volunteers

and foster homes is very real, as the waiting list for surrender dogs is often one or two months long, Chapman said.

"People don't realize pet store dogs are from puppy mills," Chapman said.

Another issue many people do not realize with weenie dogs is that, although they are very loyal, they can be difficult to train, Chapman said. Behavioral problems are one of the main causes of abandonment, along with untreated medical issues. Chapman said one of the dogs she fostered was surrendered because he "peed sporadically" and it turned out to be a bladder infection. Another was left at a shelter because of injuries that turned out to be a kick from the former owner. One of their success stories, Angie, recently underwent surgery at K-State Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital after injuring herself in a fall and they discovered an undiagnosed back problem that had made her unsociable because of the pain. Angie has since recovered and is now very friendly and a "diva," Chapman said.

"There is no such thing as a perfect dachshund, especially if they're a rescue because they've already been abandoned," Chapman said. "People have to be patient and they have to be willing to work with the dog."

More information about rescuing dachshunds, or "weenie dogs," can be found at [NebraskaDachshundRescue.org](http://NebraskaDachshundRescue.org).

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# FLOOD | Lake levels rise due to mandate



Kyle and Colleen Fenton, with son Silas, stand near the edge of the water that swept away several homes in the Redbud Estates June 2. Fenton's mother, Terri Schump, lived in one of the homes in the flood waters and at noon, the trailer was still inaccessible. "This is what's important," Schump said regarding her family. "All that down there is just stuff."

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these microsystems can get backed up, occasionally reversing the direction of water flow.

Robert Ott, Manhattan city engineer, said Leonardville, Kan., is at the top of the watershed and any changes in the watershed area, from development or nature, will affect water levels.

"Only 8 percent of the drainage basin for Wildcat Creek is in Manhattan," Ott said. "We have no say in what goes on anywhere else in the watershed area."

These floods affect many people located near the creek in what is known as the floodway fringe. FEMA determines floodway areas, where no structures are allowed to be built because of their high risk to flooding, and floodway fringes, where by FEMA's rules structures can be built since only larger-scale storms are predicted to affect those areas.

In order to determine where these floodways and floodway fringes are located, FEMA uses the Rational Method. This calculates the peak discharge of water based on the watershed area, a runoff coefficient and a rainfall intensity factor, the amount of rain expected to fall in a certain time period.

Since there has been frequent flooding, Ott requested FEMA reconsider the intensity factor they use in these calculations,

but has received no response. Ott said he believes rainfall patterns have changed in this area since the last FEMA report came out in 2005.

Unlike Manhattan, some cities restrict buildings from being built in floodway fringes as well due to frequent flooding.

To help predict when there will be flooding issues, Ott helps track water levels in the Kansas River and Wildcat Creek. There is only one gauge along Wildcat Creek and it must be read manually. During the recent flooding, police officers were called to read the numbers on the gauge periodically. At one point the creek rose seven feet within an hour.

"The more accurate measurements we get, the more accurate our predictions are," Ott said.

The flooding across the Midwest is causing all of the major rivers to rise and all of their tributaries to back up as well. The U.S. Corps of Engineers has put a reduction in release in Tuttle Creek which began Tuesday and will be in effect until mid-August. This reduction only allows Tuttle to release water at a maximum of rate 200-cubic-feet per second. Without additional rain, the lake is still expected to rise a foot every 10-14 days. By mid-August the lake is predicted to be at least 15 feet high.

"Mother nature is like a pipe," Ott said. "Only so much water can flow in it at one time."

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